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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE MAY 28, 1992 **FILE NO.** 092-07350-0381-055

C- ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER - 245(A) P.C.

Action Taken ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION MADE/WITNESSES INTERVIEWED/EVIDENCE HELD/ CC#92-03966 ISSUED

V#1 BECKLEY, WAYNE NILES MW/[redacted] DOB: [redacted] (DEPUTY SHERIFF #[redacted])
V#2 MOORE, JEFFERY LEWIS MW/[redacted] DOB: [redacted] (DEPUTY SHERIFF #[redacted])

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L#1 10025 HAWTHORNE BLVD., INGLEWOOD
L#2 10115 HAWTHRONE BLVD., INGLEWOOD
L#3 PARKING LOT NORTH OF 4437 LENNOX AVE., LENNOX

S#1 [redacted] MH/15 DOB: [redacted] (DECEASED)
S#2 [redacted] MH/15 DOB: [redacted]
S#3 [redacted] MH/17 DOB: [redacted]
S#4 MH/15-17, WEARING A GREY SHIRT AND TAN PANTS NFD.

EVIDENCE HELD:

Item #1 - Ten 9mm expended shell casings recovered in the parking lot south of 4437 Lennox Avenue, by Deputy Mark Bailey and placed into the Lennox Station evidence locker.

Item #2 - One AA GSR Kit and one SEM GSR Kit was administered by Deputy Lopez #[redacted] on Suspect [redacted] and placed into the Lennox Station evidence locker.

Item #3 - Forty five color photographs taken by Deputy Bernasconi #[redacted] and placed into the Lennox Station evidence locker.

Item #4 - 1984 Ford Tempo, license No [redacted], recovered in the parking lot of the Lennox carwash 10709 Hawthorne Blvd., impounded by Deputy Bailey and later released to the registered owner, [redacted].

Item #5 - White T-shirt "Hanes Beefy T", size X-large, recovered on the rear patio of the complex at [redacted] by Investigator Lancaster taken to Serology Section of the Sheriff's Crime Lab, Receipt No. H488772 issued.

Item #6 - White T-shirt "Hanes Beefy T", size X-large, given to Investigators by [redacted], taken to Serology

Section of the Sheriff's Crime Lab, Receipt No. H489712 issued.

Item #7 - One vial of blood drawn from [redacted] at Robert Kennedy Hospital by Nurse Ziegler and taken to Serology Section of the Sheriff's Crime Lab, Receipt No. H488786 issued.

Item #8 - One Hitachi VCR, model No. VTM132A, serial No. [redacted] with remote control unit VTRM132A, recovered by Investigator Lancaster from back seat of Evidence Held Item #4 and turned over to the Inglewood Police Department.

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OVERVIEW

On April 30, 1992 at 1630 hours, Deputies Beckley and Moore were in a marked black and white patrol unit, stopped in the left turn lane of northbound Hawthorne Blvd. near Century Blvd.

April 30, 1992 was the second day of civil unrest in the Los Angeles area. On both the east and west sides of Hawthorne Blvd. south of Century Blvd., there is a mini-mall. At the time, Deputies Beckley and Moore were stopped, there were numerous looters breaking windows in both mini-malls and looting the stores. The mini-mall located on the southeast corner was on fire. One of the stores being looted was the "Jewelry and Loan Company", located at 10017 Hawthorne Blvd. This store is in the mini-mall on the southwest corner.

While Deputies Beckley and Moore were stopped, they observed four male Hispanics standing next to a black Ford Tempo, license No. [redacted] parked in the number two southbound lane of Hawthorne Blvd. in front of the Yoshinoya Beef Bowl located at 10025 Hawthorne Blvd. At this time Deputy Beckley and Moore's patrol vehicle was directly east of the black Ford Tempo. Deputy Beckley and Moore observed one of the male Hispanics, who was wearing a grey shirt, point a handgun at them and fire several rounds. One of these rounds passed through the opened driver's window and out the opened passenger window. The four male Hispanics then got into the black Ford and left the location southbound on Hawthorne Blvd.

Deputies Beckley and Moore broadcast via Sheriff's radio that shots had been fired at them and made a U-turn at Century Blvd. in order to pursue the black Ford. Due to the large number of people

and vehicles at the mini-mall and on the street at the southwest corner, neither Deputies Beckley and Moore nor the four Hispanics in the black Ford could travel at a great rate of speed.

As the black Ford came clear of most of the crowd and began to accelerate it struck the rear of a blue Oldsmobile, license No. [redacted], which was parked facing southbound on Hawthorne Blvd. Deputies Beckley and Moore, who were also accelerating, attempted to stop behind the black Ford, but their momentum carried their patrol unit past the location of the accident.

Deputies Beckley and Moore, thinking the black Ford was disabled in the accident, exited their patrol vehicle and started to approach the black Ford. At this time both deputies had their service weapons drawn. At the same time the driver of the black Tempo, later identified as [redacted], backed away from the blue Oldsmobile, swerved to the east around the blue Oldsmobile and accelerated southbound on Hawthorne Blvd. in the direction of Deputy Beckley, causing him to jump out of the path of the black Ford.

Deputies Beckley and Moore re-entered their patrol vehicle and pursued the black Ford southbound on Hawthorne Blvd. Deputies Beckley and Moore broadcasted this pursuit via Sheriff's radio. Near the vicinity of 10515 Hawthorne Blvd. Deputies Beckley and Moore observed the male Hispanic seated in either the front or rear passenger seat throw a handgun out of the vehicle. Deputies Beckley and Moore also broadcasted this via Sheriff's radio. It should be noted there were numerous persons in the vicinity of where the weapon was thrown.

The black Ford made a right turn into the north driveway of the Lennox carwash located at 10709 Hawthorne Blvd. Deputies Beckley and Moore were traveling too fast to duplicate this maneuver, so they turned westbound onto Lennox Avenue, which is approximately 75 yards south of the driveway.

After making the turn onto Lennox Avenue, Deputies Beckley and Moore were advised by several citizens that the occupants of the black Ford had abandoned the vehicle and were now running west through the apartment complex located at [redacted] Burin Avenue.

Deputies Beckley and Moore turned from westbound Lennox Avenue onto northbound Burin Avenue and observed four male Hispanics running west across Burin Avenue into the parking lot that serves the stores located on the northwest corner of Burin Avenue and Lennox Blvd. This parking lot is completely surrounded by an 8 foot chain link fence, which is topped by 2 feet of barbed wire. The only ingress/egress point is the driveway located at the northeast corner. There is a small wooden shed located near the southwest corner of the parking lot.

Deputies Beckley and Moore turned from northbound Burin Avenue into the parking lot, traveled west through the lot and stopped just north of the small wooden shed.

As deputies Beckley and Moore were traveling through the parking lot they observed the male Hispanic in the grey T-shirt, the male who had fired at them at Hawthorne Blvd. and Century Blvd., climb over the chainlink fence. This was accomplished at the southwest corner of the fence and this male dropped over the west side of the fence and out of Deputies Beckley and Moore's view, due to a 5 foot wood plank fence adjacent to the chain link fence on the west side.

As Deputies Beckley and Moore exited their radio car, they observed two male Hispanics on top of the fence, at the southwest corner. One of these two being Suspect [redacted]. Deputies Beckley and Moore observed the male, closest to the south corner, holding a handgun and they heard several shots being fired. They ordered both males to halt and to show them (Deputies Beckley and Moore) their hands, neither male complied and Suspect [redacted] turned towards Deputies Beckley and Moore and made a movement with his hands towards his waistband.

Deputies Beckley and Moore returned fire with their service weapons striking Suspect [redacted] one time. Suspect [redacted] fell off the fence into the parking lot and the unknown male escaped westbound over the fence.

Deputies Beckley and Moore asked for rescue and an ambulance for Suspect [redacted] and took Suspect [redacted] into custody. Suspect [redacted] had not attempted to climb the fence during this incident.

It should be noted there is a civilian witness who states one of the males who climbed over the fence attempted to enter her residence and this male was carrying a handgun.

Also a VCR, which was stolen from the "Jewelry and Loan Company", was found in the black Ford Tempo.

ON 04-30-92 THURSDAY 1630 HOURS

Investigators Carr and Lancaster were dispatched to Lennox Station to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Suspect [redacted] by Deputies Beckley and Moore.

1800 HOURS

Investigators arrived at Lennox Station and were advised that several separate incidents occurred culminating in the shooting of the suspect. These separate incidents involving the deputies and suspects took place over a distance of approximately seven blocks from 10025 Hawthorne Blvd. on the north to the location where the suspect was shot on the south.

Investigators observed location #1 to be a mini-mall located at the southwest corner of Century Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd. Most of the shops, comprising the mini-mall, face east onto a parking lot that is adjacent to Hawthorne Blvd. The Yoshinoya Beef Bowl at 10025 Hawthorne Blvd. is at a right angle to the rest of the shops with the front door facing north into the same parking lot and the east wall adjacent to Hawthorne Blvd. There are two driveways into the parking lot, both on Hawthorne Blvd. The "Jewelry and Loan Company" is located in the southwest corner at 10017 Hawthorne Blvd., facing east.

Investigators observed most of the windows and all of the doors in the shops broken and the mini-mall at the southeast corner was on fire. Investigators observed evidence of looting in all the shops in both mini-malls. Investigators also observed what appeared to be two bullet holes in the west facing windows of the "Rentronics" shop located directly east, across Hawthorne Blvd., from the Yoshinoya Beef Bowl.

Investigators observed a two door, dark blue Oldsmobile, bearing license No. [redacted], parked facing southbound in front of location #2. The right rear bumper was 11 feet south of the driveway at 10115 Hawthorne Blvd. There was evidence that this vehicle had been involved in a recent accident as there was damage to the left rear portion of the vehicle and broken glass strewn in the street. The vehicle was parked with the right front tire on the sidewalk, evidently as a result of the impact of the collision.

Investigators observed location #3 to be a parking lot located north of the businesses at 4437 Lennox Avenue. This parking lot serves those businesses. The parking lot contains a total of 16 marked parking stalls, 9 on the south, 3 on the west and 4 on the north. In the southwest corner there is a small mound of dirt and adjacent to this mound of dirt, on the east, is a small wooden shed. The entire parking lot, except for a section on the south side where the north wall of the businesses serves as the barrier, is surrounded by a 10 foot fence. This fence consists of 8 feet of chain link, topped by 2 feet of barbed wire. The driveway into the parking lot is located in the northeast corner. A sliding gate also 10 feet high can be used to secure the parking lot at the driveway. This gate was open at the time of the shooting.

There is a two story apartment complex north of the parking lot. This complex is separated from the parking lot by the driveway leading to the tenants carport area, west of the complex.

West of the parking lot is a single story duplex. Adjacent to the parking lot fence on the west is a 5 foot wood plank fence then a small patio approximately 3 feet in width then the east wall of the duplex. There is a east/west wrought iron fence separating this duplex from the duplex on the south with an approximate 4 foot walkway separating this fence from the south wall of the duplex. There is a clothesline in this walkway.

South of the parking lot are the businesses it serves and on the east is Burin Avenue.

2100 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], FH/17. This interview was recorded. See transcript. Sergeant Fred Ortiz, I.I.B. conducted and translated this interview.

2130 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], MH/28. This interview was recorded. See Transcript. Sergeant Fred Ortiz, I.I.B. conducted and translated this interview.

2215 HOURS

Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY JEFFERY LEWIS MOORE** #[redacted], MW/26. This interview was recorded. See transcript.

2305 HOURS

Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY WAYNE NILES BECKLEY** #[redacted], MW/26. This interview was recorded. See transcript.

2350 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], MH/17, booking No. [redacted]. Prior to this interview the subject was advised of his

Constitutional Rights per Shad-477. The subject stated he wanted a lawyer present and this interview was terminated.

ON 05-01-92 FRIDAY 0005 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted]. Prior to this interview the subject was advised of his Constitutional Rights per Shad-477. The subject stated he wanted a lawyer present and the interview was terminated.

1215 HOURS

Rich Catalani, from the Firearms Identification Section of the Sheriff's Crime Lab, examined both Deputies Beckley and Moore's service weapons. He found both weapons to be in working order and to have not been altered in any manner. A copy of his report on this examination will be obtained and made a permanent part of this file.

05-02-92 SATURDAY 1630 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], MH/17. This interview was recorded. See transcript.

1815 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], MH/17. This interview was recorded. See transcript.

1735 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], MW/15. This interview was recorded. See transcript.

ON 05-03-92 SUNDAY

An autopsy was conducted on Subject [redacted] by Dr. Dibdin, Los Angeles County Coroner, Dr. Dibdin found the cause of death to be a single gunshot wound to the upper body. A more detailed report

will be contained in Dr. Dibdin's protocol. A copy of which will be obtained and made a permanent part of this file.

ON 05-04-92 MONDAY 1030 HOURS

Investigators presented the faces of this case to Deputy District Attorney Jim Hickey Los Padrinos Juvenile Court. Deputy District Attorney Hickey declined to file any charges at this time against Subject [redacted] and [redacted].

ON 05-05-92 TUESDAY 1400 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], [redacted] of the [redacted] store located directly across Hawthorne Blvd. from the Yoshinoya Beef Bowl. Investigators inquired about two bullet holes they had observed in the windows on the west side of his business. Mr. [redacted] said those holes were made prior to 04-30-92.

1415 HOURS

Investigators interviewed [redacted], owner of the [redacted] located at [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] said he didn't have a complete inventory of the merchandise, which was looted from his store, but it included shotguns, rifles, all types of ammunition, and VCR's, some of which were in boxes.

1600 HOURS

Investigators were contacted by [redacted]. He stated he had located the T-shirt he was wearing when he jumped the fence. Investigators responded to his home and retrieved the T-shirt, Evidence Held Item #6.

ON 05-02-92 THURSDAY 1305 HOURS

Investigators were contacted by [redacted], who stated he wanted to talk with them. Investigators responded to Mr. [redacted]' residence. Mr. [redacted]' [redacted] is the registered owner of the black Ford Tempo that was driven by [redacted].

Mr. [redacted] said on 04-30-92 he drove [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] to the Hawthorne Mall. When they arrived there was looting taking place. They arrived and walked towards the mall. About this time the police came and everybody ran in different directions. When he got back to where his car was parked it was gone. He stated as far as he knew there was nothing of value in the car.

1345 HOURS

Investigators took [redacted] to Robert Kennedy Hospital where on his own volition he gave a sample of his blood. This blood was drawn by Nurse Ziegler, Evidence Held Item #7. This blood was transported to the Sheriff's Crime Lab Serology Section, where it is to be matched against Evidence Held Item #5 and #6 by Technician Heidi Robbins. A copy of her report will be obtained and made a permanent part of this file.

1505 HOURS

Investigators responded to B & H Tow, 150 Ivey, Inglewood, and inspected Evidence Held Item #4. Investigators observed moderate damage to the right front. Investigators also observed Evidence Held Item #8 on the back seat. In the same box as Item #8 was a pawn slip on which was written "new, #33252, [redacted], 03-06-92, $40.00, SH B teller A VCR" and a pawn slip on which was written "remote control, new, #33253, [redacted], 03-06-92, $10.00, S teller A".

Investigators released the vehicle from the impound and took the VCR and remote control to Inglewood Police Department, Lieutenant Osteen. It is the Investigators opinion the VCR was taken from the "Jewelry and Loan Company" at 10017 Hawthorne Blvd., which is in the city of Inglewood.

Investigation continuing with further reports to follow.

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